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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Counsel

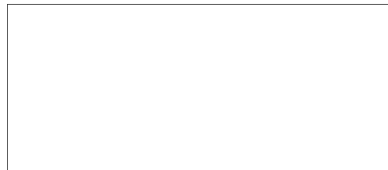
ATTENTION: C/ILD/OGC

STAT FROM:   
Legislation Division  
Office of Legislative Liaison

SUBJECT: Views letter on H.R. 4826

Attached for your review and comment is the Intelligence Community views letter on H.R. 4826, the Conyers' telecommunications bill. This letter was drafted in coordination with ILD/OGC and has been informally coordinated with other members of the Intelligence Community. As this bill is scheduled tomorrow for mark-up before the full House Judiciary Committee, your immediate attention to this letter is appreciated.

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Attachment

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Mr. James M. Frey  
Assistant Director for Legislative Reference  
Office of Management and Budget  
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Frey:

Per discussions with Brandon Blum of your office, enclosed is a letter expressing the opposition of the Intelligence Community to H.R. 4826, the Conyers telecommunication bill. As the House Judiciary Committee is scheduled to mark-up this bill tomorrow, we would appreciate your expedited clearance of this letter.

Sincerely,

Clair E. George

Director, Office of Legislative Liaison

Enclosure

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The Honorable Peter W. Rodino  
Chairman  
Committee on the Judiciary  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter expresses the views of the Intelligence Community on H.R. 4826, which is presently before your Committee. Because it inadequately protects the conduct of authorized intelligence activities, the Intelligence Community opposes this bill in its current form.

H.R. 4826 would amend Chapter 93 of Title 18, United States Code, to forbid the recording by federal employees of telephone conversations without the consent of all parties to such conversations. Although individuals "engaged in foreign intelligence or counterintelligence work" would be exempt from this prohibition, this exception does not include other vital Intelligence Community functions, such as personnel, physical plant and communications security. In this regard, we propose that you modify the intelligence exemption contained in H.R. 4826 to provide as follows:

"(2) an employee of an agency within the Intelligence Community acting within the scope of his official responsibilities pursuant to statute, Executive Order, National Security Directive, implementing procedures and regulations, or a person performing an intelligence function under the direction and control of such an employee;"

STAT Should you desire further information concerning our views on this bill, please contact [redacted] of my office.

The Office of Management and Budget has advised that there is no objection to the submission of this letter from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Sincerely,

Clair E. George  
Director, Office of Legislative Liaison